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SUBJ: COMMERCIAL PROGRAM: FRANCHISING PROMOTIONAL EFFORT.

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- 1. STC HAS REVIEWED THE FRANCHISE OPPORTUNITIES HANDBOOK IDENTIFYING U.S. FRANCHISORS IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL PARTICIPAMS IN A BETWEEN-SHOW-PROMOTION EFFORT AT THE STC.
- 2. STC PLANS PROVISIONALLY TO CO-HOST WITH THE MODERN MERCHANDISING MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION OF SWEDEN AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS IN THE OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES A TWO OR THREE DAY SEMINAR PROGRAM AT STC ON SEPTEMBER 25-27, 1974. THIS PROGRAM WOULD CONSIST OF THE MMM ORGANIZATION PRMOTING ATTENDANCE BY NORDIC BUSINESSMEN INTERESTED IN POTENTIAL FRANCHISES AND BY STC INVITING US FRANCHISE COMPANIES TO MOUNT AT NO COST A SERIES OF SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS WITH THE INTERESTED NORDIC BUSINESSMEN.
- 3. STC, WITH THE AID OF THE "FRANCHISING OPPORTUNITIES HANDBOOK" HAS IDENTIFIED OVER 350 US FRANCHISORS WHO UNCLASSIFIED

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MAY BE INTERESTED IN CONSIDERING SUCH A VENTURE. STC

TOGETHER WITH THE MMM ORGANIZATION PLANS TO PREPARE AN INVITATIONAL LETTER ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION BY US FRANCHISE COMPANIES. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THIS EFFORT IS PROVIDED IN THE REFERENCED MESSAGES.

- 4. ACTION REQUESTED: CAN YOU/WILL YOU PROVIDE INFORMAL ASSISTANCE TO THIS EFFORT BY:
- A) CONTACTING SELECTED HIGH POTENTIAL FRANCHISORS TO ENLIST THEIR SUPPORT/PARTICIPATION.
- B) ENLIST INTERNATIONAL FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION SUPPORT FOR THIS EFFORT.
- C) ASSIST IN MAILING PROMOTIONAL INVITATIONS BY QUALIFYING POTENTIAL PARTICIPATING US COMPANIES.
- 5. PLEASE REPLY BY TELEGRAM. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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